

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST VILLAGES

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of families benefited and forest villages developed under Programme for Development of Forest Villages during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the number of proposals received from the various State Governments alongwith the proposals sanctioned for the development of forest villages under the said programme during the said period; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned and utilized by the State Governments during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a)to(c): When the programme of Development of forest villages was launched in 2005-06, it was originally estimated that about 2.5 lakh tribal families would benefit. There are 2,474 forest villages/habitations in the country, spread over 12 States. State-wise details of inhabitants/beneficiaries are not maintained. However, all the residents of a forest village taken up for the development are intended to be covered under the programme.

State-wise statement showing number of forest villages for which proposals approved, funds released and utilization reported during the last three years and current year is enclosed.